



# HONEY GUIDES

The Newsletter of the  
Pikes Peak Beekeepers Association

[www.pikespeakbeekeepers.org](http://www.pikespeakbeekeepers.org)

April 2020

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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING INFORMATION

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### **Due to Coronavirus COVID-19 and meeting restrictions, PPBA has cancelled the April General Membership Meeting.**

The PPBA generally meets from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm on the third Thursday of the months of January, April, July and October. PPBA can no longer use the meeting room at Brookdale Skyline and we are looking into alternate locations.

The first half hour (6:30-7:00) of the PPBA General Membership meetings are reserved for socializing and general questions with mentors and other PPBA members. The formal portion of the meeting will start promptly at 7:00 pm and will include association business and the presentations for that meeting. There will be time for questions during or after the formal portion of the meeting, but those questions should be limited to the topics being discussed.



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### **Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

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### **2020 MEETING AND EVENT DATES**

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June – date TBA: Bee Yard Visit at Rob Dalzell's Bee Yard.

Jul 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm: General Membership Meeting.

August – date TBA: Second Bee Yard Visit at Rob Dalzell's Bee Yard.

Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm: General Membership Meeting.

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### **SURPLUS N95 MASKS**

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**N95 MASKS:** If you have a surplus of n95 masks (in original packaging) on hand for applying oxalic acid to colonies, consider donating those to your local health care providers, hospitals, or fire/EMT stations.

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## ARTICLES OF INTEREST

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We got this from Cynthia J: "I wanted to pass along this interesting article that appeared in "The Guardian" (a British daily) about bee collapse related to almond orchard pollination in California, which might be interesting to other members of PPBA. The featured beekeeper and the author are from Flagstaff, AZ, which is somewhat geographically similar to the Pikes Peak region."

Here's the link: [https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/jan/07/honeybees-deaths-almonds-hives-aoe?fbclid=IwAR1qZdq2T3ZOZjMoVooGfdvjQ\\_2HW6E4TZMTdtkkWURdfuOK8\\_WUjpv4U3U](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/jan/07/honeybees-deaths-almonds-hives-aoe?fbclid=IwAR1qZdq2T3ZOZjMoVooGfdvjQ_2HW6E4TZMTdtkkWURdfuOK8_WUjpv4U3U)

**And check this out! American Bee Journal is making their April issue free to download! Here's the details:**

"Due to the shelter in place declaration for the State of Illinois, the Illinois State Beekeepers Association asked if we could make the April issue of American Bee Journal available to their members. We know that many other areas also have shelter in place declarations. Many bee meetings have been cancelled, yet beekeepers still need to know about beekeeping. So we decided to make the April issue available for all beekeepers to view on our website as a PDF. You will need Adobe Acrobat, which can be easily downloaded if it is not already installed on your computer. You can also download the PDF to your computer if you wish, but it is a large file and will take a long time even with high speed internet access." You also find this at:

<https://americanbeejournal.com/free-april-2020-abj-download>

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## HELP OUT PPBA – VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

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**We need volunteers to help with the following PPBA activities and projects!**

**PPBA Meeting Program Assistance.** Would you be interested in getting guest speakers for our General Membership Meetings? We need a program coordinator! If you have ideas and are willing to contact professional beekeepers (writers, speakers and researchers) and assist in arranging dates (and transportation and lodging, if necessary), please contact Rebecca Sunderlin ([rsunderlin@reagan.com](mailto:rsunderlin@reagan.com)) or Mike Halby (719-528-5483 or [mandshalby@comcast.net](mailto:mandshalby@comcast.net)).



**PPBA Guest Speakers.** PPBA gets lots of requests for guest speakers at schools, service organizations and local expos or events. Most speaker requests are just for a one-hour long presentation on beekeeping. If you could speak about beekeeping to a school or group, please contact Sandy at 719-528-5483 or e-mail [mandshalby@comcast.net](mailto:mandshalby@comcast.net).



**PPBA Summer Picnic.** Our 2019 Summer Picnic was so much fun – we're doin' it again this summer! If you'd like to help out, plan events, make the reservations, etc, please contact Rebecca Sunderlin (719-352-8311 or [rsunderlin@reagan.com](mailto:rsunderlin@reagan.com)).

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## IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN – DUES ARE DUE!

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**PPBA MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2020!** PPBA annual dues are \$15.00 per family (non-prorated, payable by cash or check by March 31st each year – but due to Coronavirus COVID-19, that's extended to April 30<sup>th</sup> this year). Please mail your dues to Sandy at the address on the last page of this newsletter.



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## WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

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**PUEBLO BEEKS!** Pueblo beekeepers have their own bee club! The Pueblo County Beekeepers Association has a Facebook page and all their officers are listed there. The main point of contact is their president L. Scott Stevenson, who can be reached at 719-315-5473 or e-mail [stevensonlscott@gmail.com](mailto:stevensonlscott@gmail.com).

**WATCH WHERE YOU ARE GETTING YOUR BEES AND QUEENS FROM!!** PPBA members - just a reminder: please use caution when ordering queens and bees ... please ensure they are NOT from the southern tier of states (including Texas, southern California, Arizona, New Mexico and Florida). There have been reports of "hot" queens (Africanized) coming out of those states. As one queen producer states on their web-site: "Inter-breeding with feral Africanized bees does undoubtedly continue but we take measures to minimize their influence." They try to make sure their mating yards are primarily "safe" drones, but as you can imagine, there's no guarantee that Africanized drones are not present and are not mating with their queens. We want to prevent importing any Africanized bees into Colorado. **Be sure you know where your bee supplier is getting those bees from!!**



**HOSTING BEEHIVES!** If you want to put a hive on someone's property – we have people who want bees but don't want to be the beekeeper! Some are in town (Colorado Springs) and some are east. Contact Mike or Sandy at [mandshalby@comcast.net](mailto:mandshalby@comcast.net) for more info!

**INTEGRATED HIVE MANAGEMENT FOR COLORADO BEEKEEPERS.** This booklet is published by Colorado State University and just become available on-line! The sub-title is "Strategies for Identifying and Mitigating Pests and Diseases Affecting Colorado's Honey Bees" and it covers everything from mice to mites! Check it out on this link. BTW - We also have two hardcopies in the PPBA library for check-out.

<http://www.cepep.colostate.edu/Pollinator%20Protection/CSUBeeBookInteractive%20Adobe.pdf>

**DRIFTWATCH:** FYI, there's a web-site out there called Driftwatch.org. According to their web-site: "DriftWatch™ is a tool for identifying specialty crop sites and to further enhance communications between producers of specialty crops and pesticide applicators that promote awareness and stewardship activities to help prevent and manage drift effects that sometimes occur from spray operations." You can register your beehive location and they will notify you before any pesticides are applied (in rural areas; not intended for sites less than ½ acre).



**EXTRACTOR RENTAL:** To rent one of the PPBA extractors (we have four manual extractors and most of the other extractor equipment you'll need), visit [www.pikespeakbeekeepers.org](http://www.pikespeakbeekeepers.org), select the "Extractor Rental Info" tab and follow the instructions there. **Remember, the extractor and equipment will be clean when you pick it up and it will need to be cleaned prior to return or you will forfeit your deposit.** Hot water and soap at the coin operated car wash is the quickest and easiest method for initial cleaning. Then, thoroughly rinse with clean water at home. There's also a link on the web-site to a video about cleaning the extractor.

**PPBA WEB SITE!!** Please visit [www.pikespeakbeekeepers.org](http://www.pikespeakbeekeepers.org) to see our web-site. The web-site features meeting information and calendar, newsletters, and beekeeping links. There's also a page for members to advertise "For Sale" or "Wanted" beekeeping equipment and beekeeping items. If you have a favorite beekeeping link, please let Mike or Sandy know about it so they can include a link from our web-site.



**BEAR DAMAGE!!** If you have bear or wildlife damage to your hive, contact the Colorado Division of Wildlife at [www.wildlife.state.co.us](http://www.wildlife.state.co.us) for information about filing a claim.

**PPBA ON FACEBOOK!!** PPBA is also on Facebook! If you're a Facebooker – search Pikes Peak Beekeepers and we should pop up. If not, contact Sandy at [mandshalby@comcast.net](mailto:mandshalby@comcast.net) for a direct link. This is a closed group and you must be a member of PPBA to access this FB group.

**MAGAZINES!!** If you have old American Bee Journal or Bee Culture magazines (or other bee-oriented literature) that you might want to get rid of, please bring them to the membership meeting and set them out for others to look at and take.



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**PPBA OFFICERS**

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**PIKES PEAK BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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**Annual dues - \$15** (Please make check payable to: Pikes Peak Beekeepers Association.)

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